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## Interview Summary

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Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference  
c) ☐ Personal (copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.  
If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 1.

Identification of prior art discussed: US 6,618,697 B1, Kantrowitz; US 5,920,878, DeMont.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. 101 and 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph were discussed. Applicant's representatives provided distinctions between the prior art and the current invention and provided suggestions to overcome the pending rejections. Examiner agreed to consider any arguments and/or amendments upon formal submission by Applicant's representative.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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